

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this email in support of Bill SB1089, Sections 23-29, Licensure for Behavior Analysts. There are many reasons for which BCBA and BCaBA licensure is essential, with perhaps the most important being consumer protection. Behavior Analysts often work with the most vulnerable populations, and licensure provides a way to regulate these services. Licensure would also make it possible for Behavior Analysts to qualify to provide critically important services through Medicaid and DSS. There are 19 other states which already have licensure for Behavior Analysts, with several other states having similar legislation pending, which clearly shows the importance of this issue.

The training and coursework for Behavior Analysts is highly specialized, as Applied Behavior Analysis is an already established discipline rooted in scientific research. The interventions that Behavior Analysts carefully design are evidenced based with proven efficacy. Due to the specificity of background expertise required to be a Behavior Analyst, along with the extensive training and preparation that is necessary to become certified, it is essential that licensure requirements are aligned with the Behavioral Analyst Certification Board (BACB).

In summation, I strongly support Bill SB1089.

Thank you,

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